

# NEWSLETTER

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GRACE TO GO  
We're shaking things up  
with our newsletter  
design.



Though feared killed in  
January's freeze, the  
prayer garden vines  
now show signs of life.

### SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Monday Bible Class 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Bible Class 1 p.m.  
Wednesday Pot Luck 6 p.m.  
Lenten Midweek Worship 7p.m.

### ALTAR GUILD

4/06: Jerrie & Stacie  
4/13: John & Rana  
4/20: Pastor & Bridgette  
4/27: Mary Lou & Lorie

### LECTORS

4/06: Mona LaCour  
4/13: Shelby Giroir  
4/20: Belinda Thibodaux  
4/27: Bonne Dupre

### Pastor's Corner

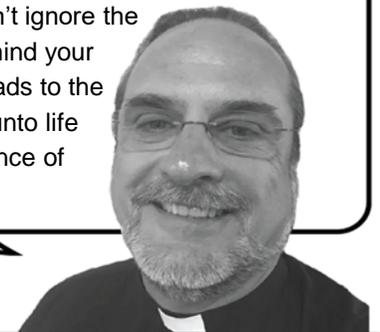
#### Days to Remember

I'm always a bit melancholy on Good Friday afternoon as I drive to church. Some of it is because of the somberness of the day. But during the drive much of it is because I see the groups of cars crowded at house after house, knowing that most folks will party with family well into the evening, not at all marking the sacrifice of our Lord on the cross.

Yet that is not surprising. Most of Jerusalem were oblivious to Christ's suffering on the cross while they enjoyed the Passover holiday. Later most of Jerusalem ignored the good news of the resurrection. Throughout the centuries most of mankind has ignored the Gospel. We who received and believe it are privileged; blessed by the gift of faith through the Holy Spirit.

Every day, but especially on Good Friday, we remember and ponder the terrible and glorious work our Lord performed to save us. *"But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—everyone—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."* (Isaiah 53:5-6)

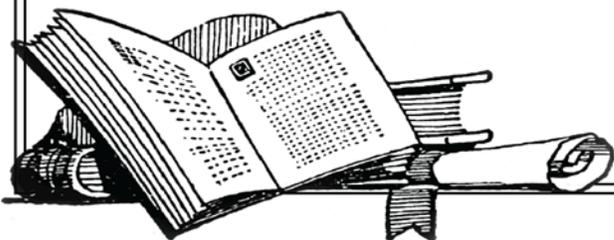
Don't go the way of the world. Don't ignore the work of Christ. It is somber in bringing to mind your sins that sent Him to the cross. But it all leads to the empty tomb. It all leads to your salvation unto life everlasting. It all leads to the joyous presence of Christ in your life today and forever.



### LECTIONARY READINGS

April 6, 2025 (Purple) 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
April 13, 2025 (Red) Palm/Passion Sunday  
April 20, 2025 (White) Easter Sunday  
April 27, 2025 (White) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, Luke 20:9-20  
Deuteronomy 32:36-39, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 23  
Isaiah 65:17-25, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, Luke 24:1-12  
Acts 5:12-20, Revelation 1:4-18, John 20:19-31



# IN THE PALM OF GOD'S HANDS...



**PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS:** Carmen Cunningham, Cynthia Ratliff, Don Effler, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Ike McDavitt, Jim Loupe, Josephine Hebert, Linda Effler, Todd Cunningham and Trista Effler.

**BATTLING CANCER:** Annick George Matherne, Beau Bourgeois, Eldon Authement, Helen Duplantis, Isla Granger, Jenny Ford, Lance Griffin, Laura Robson and Michael Hamilton.

**RECOVERING FROM SURGERY/INJURY:** Andrew Beasley, Brigitte Kinsella, Carl Folse, Charles Reid, Donna Elke, Jacqui Kaplan, Joe Deane and Marla Churchill.

**CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY:** Connie Oswalt, DeAnn Barrios, Ellen DeSoto, Frank Alessio, Gloria Ashley, Jackie Webb, James Hillman, Jaxon Greene, John Wegner, Kim Cape, Lyle Souther, Marilyn Beach, Mary Jane Schouest, Mike Wallace, Rana DaSilva, Rhonda Roan, Richard LaCour and Toni St. Amant.

**MOURNING A LOSS:** The families of Elaine Waswick, Patsy Wegner and Richard Hauser.

**NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS:** LeiLyn and baby Hebert and Karoline and baby Cormier.

**SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY:** Avery St. Amant, Chandler Crawford, Haily Crawford, Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O'neill, Julia Shroyer, Justin Scherf, Katie Cahill, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert, Noah Scheufens and Todd Mueller.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Alyssah Kinsella, Donovan Domangue, Gabbie Corbitt, Hannah Norman, Jacob Harding, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Peyton Kraus, Shelby Giroir and Victoria Thalheim.

Vacation Bible School 2025 will take place June 16 through June 20 from 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Debra Shevlin has graciously volunteered to be our director and is seeking volunteers to help out in any way. We will be serving a supper, then doing crafts, Bible Challenge, and Storytelling stations. Folks are needed at all of these areas as well as chaperoning the groups of children. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby of the church or call/email the church office. (985) 709-0234/secretary@gracehouma.org

## Cima Missionary Visit

J.P. Cima, whose missionary work first in Vietnam and now in Cambodia has long been supported by Grace, will be visiting us Sunday, July 20. J.P. will preach during the worship service and provide a Sunday school slideshow highlighting his and Aimee's work overseas. Please plan on being there.

## Parts of the Liturgy

The Words of Our Lord

Here it is the Word and promise of Christ Himself that makes the Sacrament what it is: the body and blood of Christ for you for the forgiveness of sins. Here we understand that, despite our reason, Christ's promise and institution within this Sacrament give us the gifts of Christ crucified and risen—forgiveness, life and salvation. Trusting this divine truth, we are strengthened to go forth in faith as the holy people Christ has made us to be.



## GRACE'S MISSION

Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness, Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Friendship.

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